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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
SATO, et al  
Appl. No.: 09/784,321  
Filed: January 13, 2000  
Title: MULTI-LAYER ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING SAME

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March 16, 2003

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 15, 2003, applicants hereby elects Group 1 (claims 1-14 and claims 31-35) in accordance with Examiner's Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Furthermore, Applicant withdraws claims 7 to 14 in order to comply with Examiner's restriction requirements of Group 1. Therefore, Applicant has hereby satisfied all restriction requirements as set forth by the Examiner.

Applicant hereby cancels claims 3 and 7-14 which were subject to the Examiner's Written Restriction Requirement and amends claims 1-6 and 31-35 in order to clarify the present invention and also to comply with the Examiner's restriction. Please enter the following amendments in the above referenced application and reconsider the application in amended form. A petition to extend the period of response by one month is attached hereto. However, should there be any deficiencies or need for a time extension, applicant hereby petitions for any

necessary extension and authorizes the Commissioner to charge applicant's charge account 50-2069.

Also please note that this amendment is submitted in the Office's new, Revised Amendment Format. Applicant believes that the formatting is proper and correct. However, if the Office requires a modification of the submitted format please inform applicant so that we may make the necessary changes to comply with Office requirements.